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WELL SIR, HERE WE ARE

Starting to dash off the last Founder Fire that you are going to get until next October. You old campers know that means this is the big GOING-TO-CAMP number. No use talking about much else when camp days are so close upon us. It sure won't be long, now!

IT DOES MY OLD HEART GOOD

to read some of the letters that come in from you fighting FOUNDERS when you send in your registrations. I received one letter from old Dave Scott up in Springfield, Massachusetts, in which Dave filled one whole sheet with just about twelve words. Written in great, big, one inch high letters, Dave chirped his supreme joy and glee at the thought that he was getting back to Merrowvista. Dave's letter went something like this: "Boy, oh boy! I'm coming - I'm coming - I'm coming - Wadjepi, I'm coming! - Hooray! - I'll be there!" Signed - Dave Scott.

SHUCKS!

What's the use of Dave writing any more than that. Dave and I understand that language. I could sit there and look at those words for a week and get something out of them. You see, I know Dave, and I know how Dave had to work, and contrive, and scheme, and manipulate, and maneuver, and plan to get back to camp this summer. And when I say all that, believe me, I mean all that.

WHEN I FIRST HEARD FROM DAVE,

Dave felt pretty dead sure that he couldn't get back to camp. It wasn't just an alibi with Dave. It wasn't a hasty excuse. It wasn't getting wobbly in the knees. It wasn't choosing the easy thing. It was just plumb plain because Dave was up against a situation in his work which made it impossible for him to get back.

DID DAVE GIVE UP THE SHIP?

Not on your Founderly life. Just as soon as Dave found that he couldn't go, he decided that he was going to go. So then began the wiggling and contriving and scheming and maneuvering that I talked about, with the result that he sold his boss on the fact that just about the biggest thing that he could possibly do, was to make it possible for Dave Scott to go to Merrowvista this summer. And there you are!

WELL, THERE ARE A LOT MORE LIKE DAVE

I am not going to take time to mention them all but I just want the rest of you who have not yet registered for this year, to know that I've been sharpening the pitch-forks of all the gollywampuses in the gollywampus cage and I haven't fed them anything but raw beefsteak for the last six weeks. I'm going to turn that bunch of gollywampuses loose and if you don't shoot your registration in here real soon, your own pet gollywampus is going to be poking you with his pitch-fork and haunting you and harassing you and tickling your toes and holding your eye-lids open all night long, until you snap out of that indecision and shoot in your registration card.

YOU MERROWVISTA FELLOWS

must act mighty snappy now because the time is powerfully short. Hard to make the grade this year? Sure, it's hard - everything's hard this year. I saw a cartoon the other day that hit me square between the eyes. The first four pictures showed our forefathers and forebears facing the hardships of the Puritan days, the colonial days, and the pioneering days, and laughing at all the obstacles that rose up before them.

AND THEN THE LAST CARTOON

showed a picture of a little dried up shrimp of a weasel at the window and this little runt of an animal was named "Depression" and then the picture showed everybody in the room falling over each other to try to get under the bed. The first four cartoons gave the idea - "The harder it is, the better we like it." The last cartoon, "Don't put up anything hard to us for we just can't stand it."

AND NOW IT IS UP TO YOU

our camper and leader pals, in your respective communities. Won't you respond to the challenge now in these few remaining weeks, and personally line up some one to go to Merrowvista and Miniwanca. The eastern campers, in particular, will want to get after this right away, for the time is so very short.

NOW HERE ARE YOUR TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS

Read carefully and put this copy of The Founder Fire somewhere where you can put your hands on it readily. Better take it along with you when you go to camp, so that you can check up on everything. Follow instructions carefully, and you will not make any mistakes. Check the paragraphs that particularly apply to you. Here we go!

TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR CAMPERS ENROLLED FOR CAMP MINIWANCA, MICHIGAN.

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WHEN YOU ARE DUE IN CAMP

Girls' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, August 10
Boys' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, August 24

All campers and leaders should be in camp on date of opening. To make this connection it is advisable to arrive in Muskegon or Ludington, Michigan, on Monday morning - the opening day of camp.

Do not come a day earlier as we will not be able to accommodate you.

Look up your connections and plan accordingly.

CAMPERS COMING THROUGH CHICAGO SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

GOODRICH TRANSIT LINES - FROM CHICAGO

Boat trip. All boats leave from the Navy Pier, Chicago. Sunday night boat leaves at 10:30 daylight saving time. You are permitted to go on board any time after 7 o'clock. (Allow about 30 minutes to go from railroad station to boat.) Be sure to ask street car conductor if you are headed right, or use Parmalee bus if you have a through ticket.

AN ENTIRE STATEROOM ON A BOAT

is $3.50. A group may club together and reserve a stateroom with sleeping room for four - or you can spend the night on deck or in a big easy chair in the grand salon - just as you desire. Write in advance direct to the Goodrich Transit Lines, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois, for berth reservation.

HOW TO GET TO NAVY PIER

by street car from Illinois Central and Dearborn Street Stations.

Take State Street car (which is two blocks west from I.C. and one block east from Dearborn) north to Grand Avenue. Transfer - Grand car east to Pier.

Union Station -- Street car on Adams Street (passing Station) east to Clark St. Transfer north on Clark to Grand. Transfer at Grand, east to Pier.

LaSalle Street Station -- Take Clark Street car (one block east from Station) north to Grand. Transfer at Grand, east to Pier.

Northwestern Station -- Take Madison Street car at Station, east to Clark. Transfer north on Clark to Grand. Transfer on Grand, east to Pier.

OF COURSE! A bunch can ride in a taxi direct to Pier for perhaps 30¢ each. Or use your Parmelee bus transfer ticket, if you have a through ticket.

PERE MARQUETTE STEAMERS (FROM MILWAUKEE TO LUDINGTON)

Night boat leaves Milwaukee at 8:00 P.M., arriving at Ludington at 5:00 A.M. Be sure to check on this upon arrival at Milwaukee.

Campers arriving at Ludington from Milwaukee will take Greyhound bus, at boat landing, to New Era, where they will connect with the buses going through New Era to Camp from Muskegon. Campers traveling to Muskegon by motor bus, should connect with other campers at the Greyhound Motor Coach Waiting Room.

SPECIAL NOTE

Campers who will take the night boat out of Chicago for Muskegon may desire to get to Chicago Sunday morning. Visit some Chicago Sunday Schools and churches during the day and make boat connections that night.

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SPECIAL for campers in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Ontario, New York, and Pa.

See your agent for best routing to Muskegon. Your connections to Muskegon, Michigan, will undoubtedly be by way of Grand Rapids. Be sure to make connections so as to take early morning train on the Pennsylvania Railroad leaving Grand Rapids at 7:55 and arriving at Muskegon at 9:20 A.M. Monday. Check up on this with your Railroad Agent. If, by any chance, connections at Grand Rapids are missed, take 11:50 A.M. train, or motor bus (across from R.R. Station) from Grand Rapids to Muskegon and go to the Greyhound Bus waiting room in Muskegon. Get to Muskegon as soon as possible. Then take first Greyhound bus to Shelby, Michigan, and telephone to camp. We will call for you.

ARRIVING AT MUSKEGON

Arrangements have been made with the Greyhound Bus Company to transport campers from Muskegon to camp. A low rate of $1.50, including hand baggage, has been secured for the motor trip of 35 miles.

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

If you miss all connections and get to Muskegon late in the day, go to the Greyhound Motor Coach waiting room to meet any other emergency campers; then take Greyhound bus, regular scheduled run, to Shelby, Michigan. Go to Shelby Hotel (there is only one) and call up Camp Miniwanca at Stony Lake and we will come for you. A charge of 50¢ will be made for the trip from Shelby to Camp Miniwanca. This is for campers and leaders only.

BUYING YOUR TICKETS

If you come to camp through Chicago or from points South, Southwest, and East of Lake Michigan, then your camp station is Muskegon, Michigan. Campers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Dakotas should buy tickets to Ludington, Michigan, by way of Milwaukee. Both points are Summer Tourist Points. Low return fares

apply on all lines. (See your Agent early. Buy a return ticket.) Goodrich Transit Boats - Chicago to Muskegon -- Pere Marquette (not railroad) Steamers from Milwaukee to Ludington. Low boat rates of $4.50 are available to FOUNDER campers from Chicago to Muskegon. Campers from distant points buy return through rail and boat tickets from your local station.

Take these instructions with you and show to Goodrich Boat Agent to get special transportation rate.

Persons desiring to travel to camp all rail, will find mighty good accommodations on the Pere Marquette Railroad from Chicago to Muskegon.

DRIVING THROUGH TO CAMP

If you plan to drive through to camp, head for Muskegon, Michigan. Go north on U.S. 31 to a point a little more than two miles past New Era to M-99 - follow Camp Miniwanca signs on gravel road leading off left from main highway to camp.

VISITORS

Relatives of campers are invited to visit the camps. If space is available, we will gladly accommodate visitors over night (in a guest tent) and for meals. Nominal rates will be charged. For those who cannot be accommodated at Miniwanca, a splendid little resort lodge has just been erected near the camp, where accommodations may be had at reasonable rates. For rates and reservations write to H. E. Huey, Manager, Benona Lodge, R.F.D. 2, Shelby, Michigan.

TAXI SERVICE

Visitors who come to Shelby by bus must take taxicab to Camp Miniwanca. Go to hotel and ask where to get taxi, or call Camp Miniwanca for specific directions and names of taxi drivers.

SUMMER MAILING ADDRESSES

The offices of the American Youth Foundation in St. Louis will be closed during the summer months, beginning June 20. Correspondence should be addressed as follows:

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(A)	All Merrowvista Correspondence and Camp Merrowvista registrations	Until July 24
(B)	John L. Alexander	Camp Merrowvista,
(C)	R. A. Waite	Center Ossipee,
(D)	Ruth M. Finke	New Hampshire.

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(A)	All Miniwanca Correspondence and Miniwanca camp registrations	All Summer
(B)	Marie E. Shaver	Camp Miniwanca,
(C)	P. G. Orwig	Shelby, Mich.
(D)	Amy Schoenthaler	

TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERROWVISTA CAMPERS

WHEN YOU ARE DUE IN CAMP

Boys' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, June 29
Girls' Camp " " " " Monday, July 13

All campers and leaders are expected to be in camp at starting time.

If you are coming by way of Boston, plan your trip to arrive in Boston the Monday morning that camp begins, in time to take the Boston & Maine train from North Station at 7:40 (Eastern Standard Time) to Mountain View, New Hampshire. (Be sure to have your local Agent verify this schedule for you.) Do not come a day early as we will not be able to accommodate you.

BUYING YOUR TICKET

Insist on Agent giving you a round trip Summer Tourist Ticket to Mountain View, New Hampshire. Make application for ticket well in advance of going to camp, so that Agent can secure tariff data from main office of railroad in event of not having information on hand regarding Mountain View, N. H.

FOR THOSE TRAVELING BY RAIL OR BOAT

Some campers travel by boat from Philadelphia and other points to Boston - then rail to camp. You can purchase a Summer Tourist rail and boat ticket to Mountain View, N. H. Upon arrival in Boston, make connections with the above train schedule for Mountain View.

ARRIVING AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mountain View is a small village. You will be met at the station by one of the representatives of the camp. A contract has been made with a local hauling concern for conveying campers from Mountain View to camp. A very low rate of $1.00 for the return trip has been named. A charge of 10¢ will be made for each parcel or suit-case that is hauled to and from camp.

TRAVELING BY AUTO

There are good roads all the way to Mountain View, New Hampshire. Get guide maps and choose your own route. Arriving at Mountain View, ask at the Post Office for directions to Camp Merrowvista - just five miles distant. Many campers and leaders drive to camp.

VISITORS

Relatives of campers are invited to visit the camps. If space is available, we will gladly accommodate visitors over night (in a guest tent) and for meals. Nominal rates will be charged. If accommodations cannot be provided at Camp Merrowvista, reservations may be made at the Village Hotel, five miles from camp, or at Rolin Park, across Danhole Lake.

WHAT TO TAKE TO CAMP

Bathing suit (two if you have them)
Bathing cap and shoes
Pajamas or nightgown
Slicker
Heavy sweater or jacket
Tennis shoes - low-heeled oxfords
Bathrobe
Socks or stockings
Needle, thread, pins, safety pins
Buttons, twine
Lotion or cold cream, mosquito dope
Nail file and scissors
Comic costume - if you have one.

Kodak
Comb and brush
Handkerchiefs
Tooth brush and container
Soap and container
Tooth paste
Pocket knife - Flashlight
Bible
Wrapping paper and twine if mailing bundles home.
Fountain pen and pencils
Old pair shoes to wear on hike to swimming dock at Stony Lake

SPECIAL GIRLS' LIST

Ties, belt, shirts or middies
Wool knickers
At least one pair of white knickers
Practical underwear - shorts step-ins, bloomers, etc.

SPECIAL LIST FOR BOYS

Extra pair of old trousers
Outing shirts

DO NOT BRING TRUNK TO CAMP

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WHAT TO MAIL TO CAMP TWO WEEKS BEFORE STARTING ON YOUR TRIP

BEDDING

3 warm blankets
Change of sheets - cot size
Change of pillow slips
Face towels - bath towels - wash cloths
Sweater or shoes that you may not want to carry.

Use the enclosed mailing stickers and also write address on package.

Films, notebooks and paper, ink, camp stationery, camp postcards, stamps, candy, etc., are on sale at the camp store.

IMPORTANT - Campers who are not skilled swimmers must wear red bathing caps.

Do not have candy or food mailed to you at camp. You will have plenty to eat at meal time.

CAMP MAILING ADDRESSES

CAMP MINIWANCA

c/o The American Youth Foundation
Camp Miniwanca,
Shelby, Michigan.

CAMP MERROWVISTA

c/o The American Youth Foundation,
Camp Merrowvista,
Center Ossipee, N. H.

Be sure to send mail in plenty of time to reach camp before your arrival.

Wrap packages carefully.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAILING PACKAGES

The simplest and safest way to mail your camp material is to buy or make a canvas duffel bag. You can get one from second-hand army supply stores, or any sporting goods store. Estimate size of bundle or bundles you plan to mail then buy or make canvas bags to carry all your stuff. If boxes or wrapping paper are used, be sure to save wrapper for returning your camp outfit. Suitcases can be mailed. DON'T ship by express.

The orchestra is always a big feature of the camp- conference. Be sure to bring your musical instruments with you.

YOUR REGISTRATION FEE

$3.00 of your total cost of $43.00 is to cover your registration fee. If you have paid one dollar, the other two are due before starting for camp. Make check or money order payable to the American Youth Foundation. Add 10¢ for exchange on checks. If your full camp fee of $43.00 is being sent in by some one other than yourself, then this paragraph does not apply to you.

HEALTH -- SANITATION

A complete system of modern sanitation has been installed at the FOUNDER Camps. A trained nurse is on the grounds and medical help is available at all times.

Now you do your part in maintaining the health of the camp by telling your friends not to mail you a lot of candy and cake and what not, to be eaten between meals. We want you to return home in fighting trim. You will get plenty to eat at the table.

AND THAT'S THAT

Now you know exactly what to do. Reading that material makes you realize how mighty close camp is. You Merrowvista fellows will be getting this copy of The Founder Fire just a short time before you start for camp.

BETTER REMEMBER

to mail your blankets and duffel bag and other material that you are going to send on in advance, right away quick. You want to be sure to have that stuff awaiting you when you arrive at Merrowvista. You Miniwanca campers will want to remember that these instructions are the only ones that you will receive in connection with the camps that you will attend. So again I say, read carefully and do not destroy this copy of The Founder Fire.

YOU CAMPERS WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED

When you have read all this material, I just hope that you will feel so mighty uncomfortable and so exceedingly unhappy, and homesick for your FOUNDER friends, that you will grab your pencil right away and fill in your registration card, put in your dollar, and rush it to the FOUNDER office - air mail.

WHICH REMINDS ME

that any of you who are planning to send in your registrations even at the last moment, after June 20, you Merrowvista campers will want to send your mail direct to Camp Merrowvista, Center Ossipee, N. H. Do not mail to St. Louis after June 20.

REMEMBER YOU ARE NOT LIVING YOUR LIFE ALL IN ONE DAY

and you certainly can't afford to let this little "day of depression" knock the props out from under you and keep you from continuing in your training.

DID I SAY YOU SHOULD BORROW MONEY

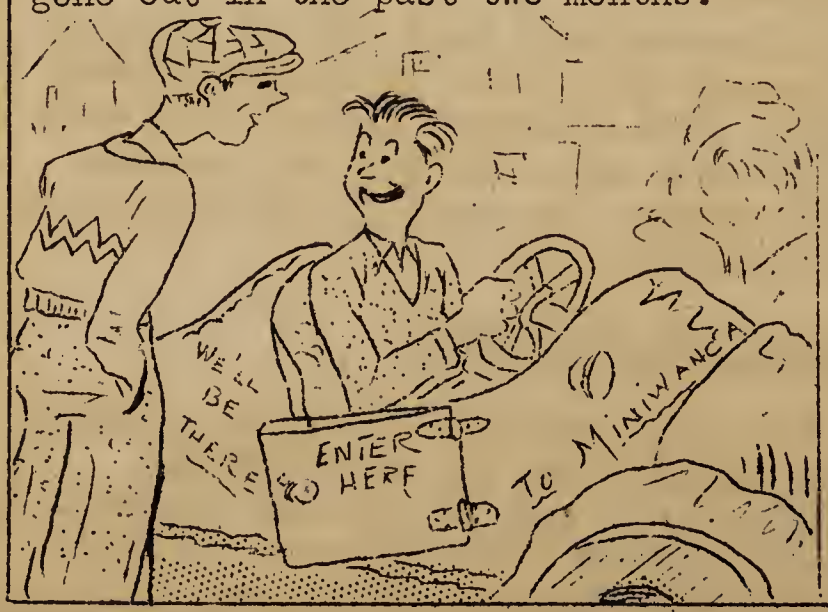
to come to camp this summer? Well, if I didn't, I sure say it now. When you do that, you're just putting mighty good money into the business. What business? Your business - the business of developing your leadership stuff, keeping up your own morale and getting ready for the many leadership opportunities that lie just ahead when we snap out of this temporarily difficult period.

READ THIS ALL OVER

a couple of times and see just how much applies to you and then write me a letter and say: "By the pink-toed prophet, Nadjepi, I'll be with you, and I mean just that." Then also tell me how you stand in your plans for the summer. I want to keep in touch with you and know just what you are doing and how you are coming along. So, if you're inclined to give up the ship, believe me, I'm not, and I'm going to help you keep your old craft afloat and every flag flying.

I WON'T TAKE TIME

to tell you all the things that have been happening in the last few months but believe me, the Founder directors have not been idle. Trips into Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, West Virginia, and other states, have been made by the directors in the past six weeks. Right now, Kinji, Horace and Dad are in West Virginia. Yes, we sure have been burning up the landscape, and the typewriters and mimeograph machines in this office have pretty nearly burned out their bearings. I'd be perfectly ashamed to tell you of the volume of stuff that has gone out in the past two months.



AND NOW IT IS UP TO YOU

We've got to trust you old campers who have been to Miniwanca and Merrowvista to carry on personally in the field, and "sell" the FOUNDER CAMPS to old campers and to new campers and to yourself. It's just like that story that Kinji tells every once in a while at camp, about St. Peter when he talked to the Lord on his return to Heaven.

YOU REMEMBER THE STORY

When St. Peter asked the Lord who was going to carry on his work for him, he said, "Well, there's Peter, James, and John, and the rest of my friends, and I trust them and I know that they will do everything they can to carry on my work." And then Peter said, "Well, what if they fail you?" And then the Lord said, "Well, I have no other plans, but I know they will not fail me."

THERE IS JUST SO MUCH THAT WE CAN DO OURSELVES

We cover just as much territory as we possibly can in person and meet all of the campers and leaders and your prospects that you introduce to us, and we tell the story of the camps to groups and individuals without a let-up from one year's end to another. Then we return to the office, and follow up hard with correspondence - a personal letter to every one we meet; and you can just imagine what that means. Then there is the great bunch of mass promotion that goes out. More than 2,500 names of high school Seniors are on our mailing list and three letters went to the fathers of all those high school fellows and girls. It was a stupendous piece of work.

YES,

Just so much we can do - and then it is up to you. You will not fail!

A STEAMER PARTY FOR WAHODA!

Wahoda - Helen Gill Lovett, beloved leader and Founder comrade, is taking a well earned vacation this summer. On July 8, she sails from Seattle for a glorious trip to Japan. You, who know Wahoda, will want to drop her a steamer letter which you can address:

Miss Helen Gill Lovett,
c/o S. S. "Hiye Maru" - N.Y.K.,
Sailing July 8, 1931 for Yokohama from
Seattle, Washington.

I think that will reach her. Remember you will have to mail your letter not later than July 1, in order to allow ample time for the mail to reach Seattle and be put aboard steamer.

Let's give Wahoda a great send-off. Incidentally, she is going to have a Founder meeting in Japan, for you know we have Founders over there.

AND HERE'S TO WAHODA

Bon voyage! from all your Founder friends. We shall be thinking of you and we shall miss you very much. May you have a wonderful trip and come back to us in 1932 for a continuation of your matchless service to the Founder Fellowship and the cause of Christian leadership training of youth. "O-hio!"

THE STORY OF THE CHURCH

is really a great book. I have read it and I don't know when I have enjoyed anything quite so much. You must read it yourself for your own personal benefit and you will want others to read it, too. Drop a note to Marguerite Coney, c/o Rae D. Henkle, 381 Fourth Ave., New York City, if you are interested in getting

the book. Remember, you can make an awfully fine commission on every book you sell and that will help tremendously in getting together funds for going to camp. I'll just lay you a friendly wager that you can sell ten of those books to ten of the leaders in your church without half trying.

WELL, NOW WE'RE ALL SET TO GO

You have your instructions and you know what to do. Miniwanca and Merrowvista await your coming. You old campers know what that means. Those marvelous 250 acres in the Ossipee Mountains of New Hampshire, with mountain peaks, mountain sides, meadows, woods and lake, and the leaders and campers, and all the fun and good times, the challenging experiences, the opportunity to learn to know yourself and to find out what you're worth, and then be given a great urge to strike out fearlessly to make your life count in the largest possible way in all of life's contacts - all these glorious opportunities await you at Merrowvista.

AND AT MINIWANCA

Lake Michigan, Stony Lake, Stony Creek, Old Baldy, the innumerable wooded ridges and deep draws, the many Indian trails, the Sand Pit, the Council Circle, the rousing good times, the keen competition, the big thrill that you get every day in discovering some new treasure within you, the fellowship with outstanding young people and leaders from the entire continent, and that indefinable Founderly something that knits us all so closely together and that constantly stimulates us to be our best self - all these await you at glorious Miniwanca.

YOU DARE NOT MISS IT - YOU WILL NOT MISS IT

You business girls, call up your business girl friends on the phone and tell them of the Founder type of vacation. I just received a wonderful inquiry from a group of business girls in Dubuque, Iowa, asking if they could come to Miniwanca.

You college men and women, snap into it quick and write to some college pals and challenge them to a Miniwanca two weeks or a Merrowvista two weeks, and tell them what it will mean to them.

You high school Founders, jump in the old car, get on the telephone, hop on a trolley car, or hot-foot it to the home of some pal or pals, and just compel them to adventure this summer at Miniwanca or Merrowvista.

WILL YOU DO IT?

I know you will, for that is the Founder way. We all want our friends to share in the glories and challenging adventures of these great FOUNDER Camps.

AND SO TOODLE-OO

till we all see each other again this summer at Merrowvista and Miniwanca.

AND KINJI.....AND HORACE.....AND DAD.....AND I.....WILL ALL

BE LOOKING FOR YOU AND WAITING TO RECEIVE YOU WITH OPEN ARMS!

Founderly and everlastingly yours,
Wadjepi.